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RECORD LOW OAT PRODUCTION EXPECTED IN NEW YORK

Based on the results of a survey conducted July 1, New York oat production is estimated at a record low, but winter wheat production is expected to be higher than a year ago, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office.

Production of oats in New York is estimated at a record low of 1.98 million bushels, down 49 percent from last year. Yields are forecast at 52 bushels per acre, down 15 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is projected at a record low 38,000 acres, down 34 percent from the previous year.

U.S. oat production is forecast at 56.6 million bushels, down 30 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest production on record, surpassing the previous record low set last year. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 60.5 bushels per acre, down 3.8 bushels from 2010. Growers expect to harvest 934,000 acres for grain or seed, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 26 percent from last year. If realized, this will be smallest harvested area on record, also surpassing the previous record low set last year.

Winter wheat production for the Empire State is estimated at 6.84 million bushels, up 2 percent from the 6.70 million bushels produced in 2010. Yields are forecast at 60 bushels per acre, the same as the June 1 forecast but 7 bushels below last year. Harvested acreage is projected at 114,000 acres, up 14 percent from 2010.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.49 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last month and up slightly from 2010. The United States yield is forecast at 46.2 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last month but down 0.6 bushel from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 32.3 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2011 but up 2 percent from last year. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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